

# STATE OF INDIANA



INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION  
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IN THE COMMISSION'S INVESTIGATION OF THE  
RATES AND CHARGES FOR ELECTRIC SERVICE  
PROVIDED BY NORTHERN INDIANA PUBLIC  
SERVICE COMPANY PURSUANT TO INDIANA CODE  
8-1-2-1 ET SEQ. INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO,  
I.C. 8-1-42.5, 8-1-2-58, 8-1-2-59, 8-1-2-73.

RESPONDENT: NORTHERN INDIANA PUBLIC  
SERVICE COMPANY, INC. ("NIPSCO")

FILED

SEP 15 2004  
CAUSE NO. 41746-S2

INDIANA UTILITY  
REGULATORY COMMISSION

You are hereby notified that on this date, the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission has caused the following entry to be made:

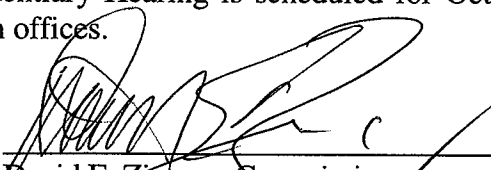
Pursuant to notice and as provided for in 170 IAC 1-1.1-15, a Prehearing Conference in this Cause was held on September 14, 2004. Prior to the opening of the record and with the consent of all parties in attendance, an informal discussion was held regarding procedural and scheduling matters in this Cause. The Petition to Intervene from Citizens Action Coalition of Indiana, Inc. ("CAC") was granted on the record without objection. The Indiana Office of the Utility Consumer Counselor ("OUCC") also appeared and participated at the prehearing conference. Further, the Motion for Leave to File Verified Statement of Robert W. Wright and Exhibits Under Seal was also granted on the record without objection. Based upon the agreement of the parties, the Commission now enters the following Findings and Order which should become a part of the record in this proceeding:

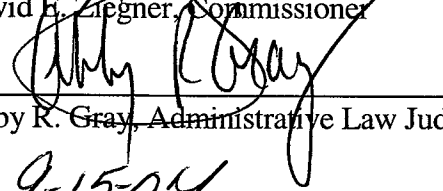
1. **Settlement Agreement.** Petitioners, the Fourteen Individual Intervenors, ("FII"), filed their Petition for Approval of Supplemental Settlement Agreement entered into by FII, OUCC, and CAC on September 14, 2004.

2. **Testimony in Support of Settlement Agreement.** The settling parties should file with the Commission the prepared testimony and exhibits supporting the Settlement Agreement on or before September 21, 2004. Copies of same should be served upon all parties of record.

3. **Evidentiary Hearing.** The Evidentiary Hearing is scheduled for October 6, 2004 at 9:00 a.m. in Room E-306 of the Commission offices.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

  
David E. Ziegner, Commissioner

  
Abby R. Gray, Administrative Law Judge

9-15-04  
Date